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Chapter 2. Grant Administration

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Purpose

Sec. 1. The commissioner of agriculture shall administer a program of grants under this chapter to provide counseling for financially troubled farmers.

As added by P.L.7-1996, SEC.2.

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Granting of money by commissioner

Sec. 2. The funds may be granted by the commissioner as needed and when available.

As added by P.L.7-1996, SEC.2.

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Limit on available money

Sec. 3. The funds available for the purposes of this chapter shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for each state fiscal year.

As added by P.L.7-1996, SEC.2.

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Eligible grantees

Sec. 4. The commissioner may award a grant under this chapter to any individual, corporation, association, organization, or other entity that demonstrates the capacity to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

As added by P.L.7-1996, SEC.2.

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Written agreement

Sec. 5. The commissioner and a grantee must have a written agreement that states in detail the services that the grantee will provide to financially troubled farmers in accordance with the purposes of this chapter.

As added by P.L.7-1996, SEC.2.

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Grantee as independent contractor

Sec. 6. A grantee is an independent contractor and is not a state agency. The state is not liable for obligations incurred by a grantee.

As added by P.L.7-1996, SEC.2.

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Advisory board

Sec. 7. (a) There is established an advisory board to advise the commissioner on the administration of this article. Specifically, the advisory board shall advise the commissioner on:

- (1) the nature and types of counseling services that should be offered under this article, in the view of the advisory board; and
 - (2) the general needs of Indiana farmers and the rural community.
- (b) The advisory board shall consist of the following members:
- (1) The commissioner or the commissioner's proxy, who shall act as chairperson of the advisory board.
 - (2) Representatives of not more than two (2) conventional lenders.
 - (3) Representatives of not more than two (2) governmental lenders.
 - (4) Representatives of not more than two (2) quasi-governmental lenders.
 - (5) Not more than two (2) representatives of agribusiness.
 - (6) Not more than two (2) representatives of a grantee or grantees.
 - (7) Not more than two (2) representatives of Purdue University.
- (c) The members of the advisory board referred to in subsection (b)(2) through (b)(7) shall be appointed by the commissioner.
- (d) The advisory board shall meet at least two (2) times each year.
- As added by P.L.7-1996, SEC.2.*